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VI. *Description of the Esox Saurus.* By the Rev. Thomas Rackett,  
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ESOX SAURUS.

**E**sox rostro subulato, maxillis medio hiantibus.

TAB. V.

*Rondelet. de piscibus, lib. 8. p. 232.*

*Gesner, lib. 4. p. 468.*

*Raii Syn. Pisc. p. 169.*

*Penn. Tour Scotland, 8vo.*

—— *Brit. Zool. 3. p. 325.*

Dorsum viridi-cærulescens. Venter argenteus. Mandibula superior paululum recurvata. Pinna dorsalis et analis opposita, pinnulis utrinque sex versus caudam. Cauda bifida.

The *Esox Saurus*, Saury Pike, or Skipper, was taken near the Isle of Portland in Dorsetshire, after a hard storm, in the summer of the year 1800. Of the fishermen, one only was acquainted with it, and called it a Skipper. This species, although known to *Rondeletius* and *Gesner*, who have figured it, has not been noticed by *Linnaeus*, by *Gmelin* in the 13th edition of the *Systema Naturæ*, nor by *Bloch* in his valuable work on Fishes. *Ray* mentions its having been caught on the Cornish coast. *Pennant* has given a very indifferent figure of it in his *Tour in Scotland*, 8vo. and has made use of the same plate in his *British Zoology*.

The annexed figure represents the fish of the natural size.

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